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See attached office action.

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The proposed reply filed on 2-27-02 has not been entered because it is unsigned.

Also, the amendment is nonresponsive and has not been entered because it fails to conform to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.121.

Specifically, the parenthetical expression improperly appears in the clean set for non-amended claims. See MPEP 714: "When rewriting a claim in the clean set, the parenthetical expression, if any, from the claim to be rewritten should not appear in the clean set. Thus, the only time a parenthetical expression should appear in the clean set is when a claim is being amended."

Also, the amendment is nonresponsive and has not been entered because it fails to conform to the provisions of MPEP 714.03:

Where a bona fide response to an examiner's action is filed before the expiration of a permissible period, but through an apparent oversight or inadvertence some point necessary to a complete response has been omitted - such as an amendment or argument as to one or two of several claims involved or signature to the amendment - the examiner, as soon as he or she notes the omission, should require the applicant to complete his or her response within a specified time limit (usually one month) if the period for response has already expired or insufficient time is left to take action before the expiration of the period. If this is done the application should not be held abandoned even though the prescribed period has expired.

Specifically, the 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph rejection of claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14-20, 22, 24-29, 31, 33-37 and 39-45, has not been addressed.

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Although the claims have been checked for further deviation from 37 CFR 1.121, applicant is respectfully requested to scrutinize the claims and correct any additional errors.

Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME LIMIT MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any telephone inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status (MPEP 203.08) of this application or proceeding should be directed to the group receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1782.

Any telephone inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David E. Graybill at (703) 308-2947. Regular office hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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